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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA BEING REPEATED

QUOTE

BIEN HOA 0121

SUBJ: DAILY MR 3 SITREP - 11 MAY 1973

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1. VC/ NVA ACTIVITY IN MR 3 REMAINED AT A REDUCED LEVEL. THERE WERE 14 COMMUNIST- INITIATED INCIDENTS REPORTED CONSISTING OF FIVE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), SIX GROUND CONTACTS AND THREE MINE INCIDENTS. TOTAL CASUALTIES REPORTED IN THE REGION DURING 24- HOUR PERIOD WERE FOUR FRIENDLY SOLDIERS KILLED, 11 WOUNDED, ONE CIVILIAN KILLED, 13 CIVILIANS WOUNDED AND EIGHT VC/ NVA KILLED. TON LE CHAM RANGER BASE CAMP RECEIVED 46 ROUNDS OF MIXED 61 MM AND 82 MM MORTAR FIRE. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. THIS WAS THE LIGHTEST SHELLING FOR SOMETIME AT TON LE CHAM. ON 10 MAY A VC/ NVA EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED AT THE PHUOC LAI FERRYBOAT PARK 400 METERS EAST OF CAN DUOC DISTRICT TOWN, LONG AN PROVINCE WOUNDING ONE SOLDIER, ONE RD CADRE AND SIX CIVILIANS. IN LONG KHANH PROVINCE AN UNKNOWN SIZE COMMUNIST FORCE ATTACKED

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A PF PATROL 6 KMS WEST OF XUAN LOC CITY RESULTING IN THREE PF KILLED, FOUR WOUNDED, ONE CIVILIAN KILLED, SEVEN CIVILIANS WOUNDED AND TWO VC KILLED. MINOR INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN GIA DINH, HAU NGHIA, PHUOC TUY, BIEN HOA, TAY NINH AND BINH DUONG PROVINCES.

2. COLONEL MORROW, CHIEF CANDEL REGION V, TOLD CG POLOFF THAT THE CHIEF GVN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TPJMC AT VUNG TAU HAD NOT BEEN COOPERATING WITH THE ICCS POINT- OF- ENTRY TEAM STATIONED THERE. MORROW CLAIMED THAT A MOTOR LAUNCH NEEDED TO CARRY OUT INSPECTIONS OF FREIGHTERS ENTERING THE PORT WITH MUNITIONS HAD NOT BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ICCS. MORROW SPECULATED THAT THE GVN DELEGATE FEARED DETECTION OF HIS OWN ILLICIT SMUGGLING AND WAS THEREFORE UNCOOPERATIVE. AN ORDER FROM SAIGON CLARIFYING THE GVN DELEGATE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST THE ICCS WAS ON ITS WAY. COLONEL MORROW THOUGHT THIS ORDER WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM. WALKINSHAW UNQUOTE
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